



**CITY OF LYNCHBURG
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND
HOME PROGRAM APPLICATIONS FOR 2016-2017**

NOTICE OF DATE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The application process for CDBG and HOME Program funds for Program Year 2016 (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017), Fiscal Year 2017, will begin on **Wednesday, January 13, 2016** and end on **Monday, February 1, 2016**. Applications may be downloaded from the City's website at: www.lynchburgva.gov/grants-administration or by contacting the Grants Administration Office, City Hall, 900 Church Street, Lynchburg, Virginia 24504 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at (434) 455-3916, or by email to melva.walker@lynchburgva.gov. All applications must be completed and returned to the Grants Administration Office no later than **4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2016**, to be eligible for funding consideration by City Council.

Pursuant to the Citizen Participation Plan, the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) public meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, February 16, 2016** to review the applications. CDAC's recommendations and public comment on applications will be received during the City Council public hearing scheduled for **March 8, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

The City anticipates receiving approximately \$686,040 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$305,985 in HOME entitlement funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Program Year 2016.

The primary objectives of the CDBG and HOME Program are to continue to develop viable urban communities through decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. The City of Lynchburg supports assisting individuals with disabilities, substance abuse or addiction, persons with AIDS, persons that are homeless, and elderly persons. City Council determined local priorities for these programs within the framework of the Consolidated Plan goals for the period 2015-2020. The stated goals within this Plan are as follows: Increase the number of owner-occupied units; Rehabilitate substandard housing units. Emphasis is to be placed on programs that require an investment of funds and/or labor on the part of the owner commensurate with the owner's resources; Support initiatives to increase permanent affordable rental and housing ownership opportunities; Promote programs that assist eligible individuals in retaining their homes; Support efforts for the removal and redevelopment of dilapidated and condemned structures to eliminate neighborhood deterioration, blight and blighting influences; Support neighborhood partnerships that facilitate self-sufficiency and enable families and individuals to maintain their housing, remain in their neighborhoods, and age in place; Support economic development initiatives that improve the economic base, job skills, and health of the community; Promote public service activities which support the healthy development of the City's at-risk youth, adults, and families; Support efforts to develop, sustain, and coordinate a comprehensive, seamless system of services for homeless citizens in order to move the homeless population toward obtaining permanent housing; and Support efforts to remove barriers to escape poverty and strengthen low-income households and families.

Questions regarding the application process should be directed to the Grants Administration Office at (434) 455-3916.

